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NORTH DAKOTA

Minnesota-based contractor says Souris River levee repairs to be completed in 5 weeks. A Minnesota company said it will take about 5 weeks to repair levees along North Dakota's Souris River that were damaged by major flooding earlier this year, the Associated Press reported November 8. The Minot Daily News stated Ceres Environmental Services Inc. will repair six levee sites in Renville County, and in the cities of Burlington and Minot for \$542,000. The river flooded because of excessive snowmelt and rain on both sides of the U.S.-Canada border. The Ceres president said work on the first of two phases should be completed by December 20, but that asphalt work to finish the project at some of the locations will have to wait until warmer weather next spring. Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/57b6262efe0249dea0a72f723b34861d/ND--Minot-Levees/>

Corps changing Missouri River plan after flooding. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said November 7 it will change its approach to managing the Missouri River following a summer of record flooding that damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes, led to millions of dollars in road repairs, and forced communities to scramble to build temporary levees. The Corps said it will make the changes in the coming months, including getting as much water out of the river basin's reservoir system as possible before spring, and aggressively releasing more water in the spring, if needed. The Corps also is looking at how much more reservoir space might be needed to ease flooding. The changes come in response to concerns voiced by residents during eight public meetings recently held in Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, and North Dakota. The Corps estimated it will cost more than \$2 billion to repair the damage to the nation's levees, dams, and riverbanks caused by this year's flooding. Source:

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-501369_162-57320038/corps-changing-missouri-river-plan-after-flooding/

Oil boom leads to surging ER visits, STDs. The explosive growth in the small towns surrounding the Bakken oil formation in North Dakota has led to a surge in accidents and patients, putting an incredible strain on local medical facilities. In Williston, North Dakota, Mercy Medical Center's emergency room visits have increased 50 percent in the last 12 months. Currently short 70 positions — from nurses and surgeons to cafeteria workers and janitorial staff — the hospital is racing to catch up with demand. But on any given day, there are 30 percent more requests for medical services than it can accept. Smaller health care facilities in the surrounding oil boom towns are seeing similar crowds. "Numbers are off-the-charts busy," said a registered nurse at the health center on the Fort Berthold Reservation in New Town, less than 100 miles North of Williston. "We only have so many ambulances available ... people have to wait for ambulances to get to them so we've had a big increase in trauma-related fatalities." And along with longer waits for emergency care, doctor's offices and health care clinics are so booked that people have to wait months for appointments. Even sexually-transmitted diseases have risen to a record high in the area, the nurse said. Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/business/stocks/Oil-boom-leads-to-surging-ER-visits-STDs/-/121658/4689570/-/tlhbprz/-/>

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(South Dakota) State quarantines cattle herd for bovine tuberculosis. An infected South Dakota cattle herd was under quarantine for bovine tuberculosis, the Rapid City Journal reported November 9. State animal health officials confirmed a Hutchinson County herd was infected, and an investigation is underway to determine whether other herds were affected, according to a news release from the South Dakota Animal Industry Board. Testing will continue on herds associated with the affected herd, and there was no threat to food safety, according to officials. Source: http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/state-quarantines-cattle-herd-for-bovine-tuberculosis/article_d6491c68-0aff-11e1-a4d8-001cc4c002e0.html

NATIONAL

(Texas) WMD threat among new charges against soldier accused in Fort Hood bomb plot. A U.S. soldier planned to detonate bombs in a restaurant filled with Fort Hood, Texas troops and then shoot those who survived, federal authorities said in a new six-count indictment returned against him November 8. The suspect was indicted on one count of trying to use a weapon of mass destruction, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. The other charges returned by the federal grand jury were attempted murder of officers or employees of the United States, two counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a federal crime of violence, and two counts of possession of a destructive device in furtherance of a federal crime of violence. The suspect was indicted in August on three federal charges related to the bomb plot near the Army post in the summer of 2011. The suspect, who remains in federal custody, was arrested in July at a motel near Fort Hood. Investigators said they found a handgun, an article titled "Make a bomb in the kitchen of your Mom," and the ingredients for an explosive device, including gunpowder, shrapnel, and pressure cookers. After his arrest, he told authorities he planned to make two bombs and detonate them in a restaurant where Fort Hood soldiers eat, according to documents filed in the case. Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/11/08/new-charges-against-soldier-in-fort-hood-bomb-plot/?test=latestnews>

'Covert group' one ingredient away from deadly toxin. Four men who were indicted in alleged terror attacks had the weapons they wanted and were one ingredient away from making the deadly toxin ricin, according to a criminal indictment, WXIA 11 Atlanta reported November 4. Two days before they were arrested, two of the defendants said they needed just one more ingredient to produce ricin, according to the indictment. One of them said he needed 1 pound of lye and was ready to begin the process of making the deadly toxin. On November 1, the day the suspects were arrested, the defendants met with an undercover agent and gave him cash and a firearm and received a silencer and what they believed were explosives. The indictment said one man had in his possession written instructions for detonating a destructive device. The four North Georgia men are accused of planning attacks on unnamed government officials with ricin and explosives. They indicated in court in Gainesville, Georgia, November 2 that they wanted a bond hearing. The hearing, along with a preliminary hearing, will be held November 9, once the defendants are appointed lawyers. Source:

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<http://www.11alive.com/news/article/211347/3/Covert-group-one-ingredient-away-from-deadly-toxin>

Thousands in Northeast mark 8th day without power. Tens of thousands in the Northeast remained without power November 6, 8 days after a rare October snowstorm knocked much of the region into the dark. The storm, which hit October 29 and 30, hammered the Northeast and cut electricity to more than 3 million homes and businesses throughout the region. At a news conference November 6 in Connecticut, the state's largest utility announced it would not meet its goal of restoring power to 99 percent of its 1.2 million customers. The chief operating officer for Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P) stated about 88,000 customers still remained without electricity, and that it would probably take until November 9 before all power was restored. About 6,000 of the outages were new and unrelated to the October snowstorm that cut power to 800,000 Connecticut residents, he said. The Connecticut governor has launched an independent probe of the utility companies' response amid a torrent of customer complaints, including a local fire department that said CL&P jeopardized safety by not quickly clearing roads of downed power lines and tree limbs. Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g6obYD6zv4hapK9E0wewChYUMKzQ?docId=44377a7f145c4b63909534a0795d87bc>

INTERNATIONAL

Nothing Significant to Report

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Internet scam targets state securities regulators. An organization of state securities regulators, whose goal is to protect investors from fraud, said November 9 it has been the victim of an attempted Internet scam. The North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) told the operator of a Web site that represented the "State Securities Commission" (SSC) to cease operations and to shut the site down November 9. The site was using content from NASAA's Web site, possibly for unlawful purposes, Washington-based NASAA said in a statement. The mock site, which appeared to be offline by late November 9, is one of several fake regulator Web sites that have surfaced in recent years, said NASAA's president. There are no legitimate state securities regulatory agencies affiliated with the "State Securities Commission" or SSC Web site, the president said, who also heads Nebraska's banking and finance department. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/11/10/investor-scam-idUSN1E7A82CB20111110>

FBI warns of scheme using tinted currency. The FBI November 7 warned of a currency scam that might target wealthy Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) delegates in Hawaii. In the scam, construction paper is passed off as U.S. money that has been dyed black so it could be smuggled into the country without alerting U.S. Customs. The con men persuade the victim the dye can be removed, and ask for money to buy necessary chemicals, according to the FBI. In exchange, the victim is offered some of the black money. The swindlers then disappear with the

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real money. On November 4, the proprietor of a Honolulu self-storage company contacted the FBI after two men, who identified themselves as Liberian, paid cash October 11 to rent a small storage locker for a month, a FBI Special Agent said. Inside, they placed only two black suitcases. After obtaining a search warrant, the FBI opened the suitcases and discovered 120 pounds of black construction paper cut to the size of U.S. bills and shrink-wrapped. White glue, iodine, empty glass vials, a hair dryer, and vitamin C powder — materials needed for the scheme — were also in the suitcases, the Special Agent said. The Associated Press reported the scam recently hit New England states, where three people lost \$170,000, according to the Secret Service. In Rhode Island the Secret Service arrested two Liberian nationals who allegedly attempted to deceive an undercover agent. Some of the con men have used e-mail to ensnare victims, but others, such as in the New England cases, go to nightclubs or restaurants, targeting potential victims wearing expensive jewelry or driving luxury cars. The FBI said the scam has been promoted over the years by Nigerians, Ghanaians, and Liberians. Source:

http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/hawaii/news/20111108_FBI_warns_of_scheme_using_tinted_currency.html

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Georgia) **20 arrested at Occupy Atlanta protest.** Police arrested 20 people after an Occupy Atlanta protest rally in an Atlanta park spilled onto the streets and officers converged on them on motorcycles, on horseback, and in riot gear, the Associated Press reported November 6. A crowd of several hundred protesters gathered at Woodruff Park, the scene of about 50 arrests of demonstrators in October, and set up tents. Organizers said they planned to stay overnight despite warnings from the mayor and police that anyone there past the 11 p.m. closing would be arrested. As 11 p.m. approached, protesters began decamping peacefully. Dozens of officers were on hand, herding protesters away from the park's entrances and installing barricades around it. While most protesters left the park, a few people stayed behind. As demonstrators poured onto Peachtree Street and downtown, a police officer on a motorcycle drove into the crowd, sparking a confrontation between officers and protesters that turned tense. Police officers in riot gear and on horseback filled the street, warning protesters to stay on the sidewalk. Police made a number of arrests, mostly people who disobeyed orders to stay on the sidewalk. Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201_162-57319328/20-arrested-at-occupy-atlanta-protest/

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Time Warner Cable gets hit with 'large' outage. Time Warner Cable's Internet customers nationwide experienced a brief outage November 7, the company confirmed. "We appear to be recovering from a large but brief internet outage affecting most of our service areas," Time Warner Cable said in a tweet on its customer service Twitter page. The company then asked

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customers to “attempt to connect again. It appears the outage occurred sometime after 6 a.m. Pacific time November 7, and affected people nationwide, at least from New York to Texas. A quick Twitter search reveals many Time Warner Cable customers took to Twitter to complain of the outage. However, the issue appears to have been resolved. Whether it was just a Time Warner Cable issue November 7, though, is unknown at this point. RCN, another cable Internet provider, also apparently experienced some trouble at around the same time as Time Warner Cable, causing some customers from Boston to Pennsylvania to suffer through a brief outage November 7. However, RCN has yet to publicly confirm the reported outage relates to Time Warner Cable’s issues. Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-13506_3-57319625-17/time-warner-cable-gets-hit-with-large-outage/

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Toyota recall: Japanese automaker seeks to fix 550,000 vehicles for possible steering problems. Toyota Motor Corp. said November 9 it is recalling about 550,000 Toyota and Lexus vehicles worldwide — mostly in the United States — for problems that could make it harder to steer. In the United States, the automaker is recalling 283,200 Toyota brand cars, including the 2004 and 2005 Camry, Highlander, Sienna, and Solara, the 2004 Avalon, and the 2006 Highlander HV. Its recall of 137,000 Lexus vehicles includes the 2004 and 2005 ES330 and RX330, and 2006 RX400h. The recall is due to the possibility the outer ring of the engine's crankshaft pulley may become misaligned with the inner ring, causing noise or a warning signal to light up, the U.S. sales unit said in a press release. If the problem isn't corrected, the belt for the power steering pump may become detached from the pulley, making it suddenly more difficult to turn the steering wheel. Toyota will mail owners a notification to make an appointment with an authorized dealer to have their car inspected once replacement parts have been produced in sufficient quantities. If needed, parts will be replaced for no charge, the company's American sales unit said. Notifications will be mailed starting in January. In the meantime, if an abnormal noise is heard coming from the engine compartment, the owner is asked to make an appointment with any Toyota or Lexus dealer to have the vehicle inspected for this condition, the release said. Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/11/09/toyota-recall-steering-problems_n_1083321.html

NHTSA recall notice - Pontiac G8 air bag defect. General Motors (GM) is recalling 38,444 model year 2008-2009 Pontiac G8 vehicles manufactured from November 2, 2007 through January 22, 2009. A 5th percentile female anthropomorphic test device (ATD) in a 30 mph frontal barrier test exceeded the head injury criteria requirements of the standard. With the front passenger seat positioned full forward, the seat position sensor will cause a 30-millisecond deployment delay between the first and second stages of the dual-stage frontal passenger air bag. In the event of a crash, this delay may result in increased head injury to certain front seat occupants. GM dealers will reprogram the sensing and diagnostic module free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcld_ID=11V534000&summary=true&prod_id=396765&PrintVersion=YES

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Boeing 787 Dreamliner hit by landing gear glitch. Boeing and All Nippon Airways are investigating a landing gear problem on the 787 Dreamliner, the first technical glitch reported since the new jetliner entered service less than 2 weeks ago, the airline said November 7. Pilots on the first of two aircraft delivered so far to All Nippon Airways were forced to deploy the landing gear using a manual backup system, after an indicator lamp suggested the wheels were not properly down. “We are not yet sure what the problem was, but we are investigating,” an airline spokesman said, adding that Boeing is also involved in the investigation. Kyodo news agency linked the problem to a hydraulic valve. Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/11/07/uk-boeing-dreamliner-glitch-idUSLNE7A603L20111107>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Phony U.S. military electronics traced to China. The U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee is planning to crack down on counterfeit electronic parts, which more often than not originate in China and eventually make their way to U.S. military weapon systems. The committee, led by a Michigan Democrat and an Arizona Republican released the results of a months-long investigation November 7. As part of the investigation, committee staff traced the Department of Defense (DOD) supply chain back to its start for more than 100 counterfeit parts, and found that 70 percent of them originated in China. “Nearly 20 percent of the remaining cases were tracked to the U.K. and Canada — known resale points for counterfeit electronic parts from China,” a background memo from the committee said. According to a January report from the Commerce Department, counterfeit electronics in the defense industry are on the rise. In 2005, there were 3,868 incidents detected, compared with 9,356 in 2008, according to the report. The two Senators want the Pentagon to better enforce laws that protect the DOD supply chain, but they also admit those laws do not go far enough. The Senate panel is considering adding language to the defense authorization act for 2012 that would hold contractors responsible for the costs of replacing a part that is discovered to be counterfeit, the Michigan Democrat said at a November 7 press briefing. Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2011/11/defense-phony-military-electronics-traced-to-china-110711/>

EMERGENCY SERVICES

First nationwide Emergency Alert System test hits glitches. Problems were reported across the country during the first-ever nationwide test November 9 of the Emergency Alert System, designed to allow the president to address the American people during a national emergency. Some television and radio stations did not air the planned 30-second test at all. Some that aired it stayed with the signal longer than others. There were anecdotal reports of TV stations failing to air the message in Washington D.C., Atlanta, New York, California, and elsewhere. The message did not air on a cable channel being monitored in a Capitol Hill office and in the Capitol’s radio and TV gallery. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which ordered the test, stressed it was designed to find flaws, and scoffed at reports the system had failed. By late November 9, a FCC official said about one-third of the test participants had filed preliminary reports, and those showed that 80

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to 90 percent of the stations received the alert, and were able to rebroadcast it, which was the major criteria of the test. The official called the failure rate of more than 10 percent “not insignificant,” but said identifying problems “is why we have the test.” Stations must report the results to the FCC within 45 days. The FCC said it will not release specific test data to the public because broadcasters worry that potentially embarrassing results could discourage participation in future tests, and test data could reveal security vulnerabilities. Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/11/09/us/emergency-alert-test/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Prisons bureau alerted to hacking into lockups. Federal authorities are concerned about new research showing U.S. prisons are vulnerable to computer hackers, who could remotely open cell doors to aid jailbreaks, the Washington Times reported November 6. The Federal Bureau of Prisons is “aware of this research and taking it very seriously,” a spokesman said. He was reacting to research by private experts who found the security systems in most American prisons are run by computer software vulnerable to hackers. “You could open every cell door, and the system would be telling the control room they are all closed,” said a former CIA operations officer who helped develop a cyber-attack on a simulated prison computer system and described it at a hackers’ convention in Miami recently. The security systems in most American prisons are run by special computer equipment called industrial control systems, or ICS. They are also used to control power plants, water treatment facilities, and other critical national infrastructure. A malicious cyber-intruder could “destroy the doors,” by overloading the electrical system that controls them, locking them permanently open, said a consultant who has designed security systems for dozens of state and federal prisons. Hackers could “shut down secure communications” through the prison intercom system and crash the facility’s closed-circuit television system, blanking out all the monitors, he added. Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/nov/6/prisons-bureau-alerted-to-hacking-into-lockups/?page=all#pagebreak>

(North Carolina) Sheriff: Guns, body armor stolen from officer’s home In Ruffin. Sheriff’s detectives are investigating a breaking and entering November 3, at the home of a Piedmont Triad International (PTI) Airport Authority police officer in Rockingham County, North Carolina. According to the Rockingham County Sheriff’s Office, four handguns, one shotgun, one rifle, and police-issued body armor were stolen from the home in Ruffin. The break-in occurred between 4 a.m. and 10:46 p.m. November 3. All of the firearms taken were personal property of the officer; however, the body armor is the property of PTI Airport Authority Police. Source: <http://www.digtriad.com/news/article/197770/1/Sheriff-Guns-Body-Armor-Stolen-From-Officers-Home-In-Ruffin>

ENERGY

More fuel thefts hit truck stops. Just 2 weeks after a Livonia, Louisiana, truck stop owner lost nearly 1,200 gallons of diesel fuel, owners in Port Allen realized they also fell victim, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge reported November 8. It is a problem hitting truck stops around the area and in many cases, owners do not even know it is happening. In West Baton Rouge Parish, there have been at least five known cases and nearly \$10,000 worth of stolen diesel fuel. “We own seven

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truck stops and we found four of them had been tampered with," said the owner of Super Lucky Louie's and president of TMI Enterprise. The fuel theft incidents date back to October. There were five separate cases with 2,343 gallons of diesel stolen. H & R Truck Stop in Port Allen was also hit with nearly 400 gallons of diesel stolen, or more than \$1,300. According to detectives, thieves pull it off with the help of a pulsator. Every time it clicks, it registers a penny inside the store. The metal lining at the pump is pried off and the thieves attach their own pulsator. The clerk inside sees the meter running and believes the amount of diesel being pumped is about 3 gallons a minute. In reality, the pumps are going full blast at 60 gallons a minute. Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/15993217/fuel-thefts-hit-port-allen-truck-stops>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

170 sick from Salmonella-tainted chicken livers. Since February 2011, kosher broiled chicken livers have sickened at least 170 people in 5 states with Salmonella Heidelberg, according to state and local health departments, Food Safety News reported November 10. In connection with the outbreak, Schreiber Processing Corporation of Maspeth, New York, announced a recall of its MealMart brand chicken livers November 8. The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services said November 9 it identified 64 cases of Salmonella infection linked to the kosher broiled chicken livers. The New York State Department of Health said 33 upstate outbreak cases had been reported, while the New York City Department of Health said it had identified 56 cases related to the outbreak. Maryland health officials have received reports of nine cases, and Pennsylvania has confirmed seven outbreak cases, CIDRAP News reported. Minnesota was the fifth state with an outbreak case, according to the New York City health department. At least 17 people have been hospitalized. The recall notice said the suspect chicken livers were distributed to retail stores and institutional users in Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, Ohio, and Rhode Island. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/153-sick-in-new-york-new-jersey-from-chicken-livers/>

(Washington) Raw milk cheddar recalled due to Listeria concerns. Golden Glen Creamery of Bow, Washington, is recalling about 20 pounds of cheddar distributed in Washington state because the cheese may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, Food Safety News reported November 9. A surveillance sample of the creamery's cheddar collected and analyzed by the Washington State Department of Agriculture was found to be positive for Listeria monocytogenes. Golden Glen Creamery has ceased the production and distribution of the product as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Washington State Department of Agriculture, and the company continue their investigation into what caused the problem. The raw cheddar was distributed through a few retail stores in Washington, as well as at Golden Glen's on-farm store between September 22 and November 5. The random-weight cuts range in size from quarter to half-pound pieces, and are vacuum packaged in clear plastic with a stick-on label that reads in part: "Raw Cheddar," "GOLDEN GLEN CREAMERY," and "Natural handcrafted cheese produced by the Jensen ladies." Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/raw-milk-cheddar-recalled-due-to-listeria-concerns/>

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(Missouri) 30 cases in St. Louis E. coli outbreak. An outbreak of E. coli O157:H7 in the St. Louis area now includes 30 confirmed cases, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Food Safety News reported November 8. The investigation into the cause of the outbreak is no closer to finding where the E. coli O157:H7 is coming from. Two of four E.coli cases involving residents of the Columbia/Boone County area are believed to be part of the larger outbreak, while two others are not. The lead agency in the federal, state, and local investigation into the cause of the St. Louis E. coli outbreak late November 7 said it added "two new cases based on lab results from specimens submitted to the State Public Health Laboratory last week." The DHSS said the two cases have the E coli fingerprint that has been observed in the outbreak. The Missouri State Lab also has tested 55 food samples, mostly from the salad bars at the popular St. Louis-based Schnucks grocery stores, where many who became ill reported dining before they became sick. All food samples tested to date, however, were found negative for E. coli O157:H7. The St. Louis outbreak has been underway since late October, sent at least 22 people to hospitals for treatment, and resulted in one case of hemolytic uremic syndrome. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/st-louis-e-coli-outbreak-may-have-topped-out-at-30/>

Smoked fish recalled due to botulism potential. A California company is recalling smoked fish imported from the Philippines because it has the potential to be contaminated with Clostridium botulinum, a bacterium which can cause life-threatening illness or death, Food Safety News reported November 5. Foremost Foods, International, Inc. of Pomona, California, said the U.S. Food and Drug Administration sampled the smoked roundscad and mackerel and found the fish to be partially uneviscerated. Clostridium botulinum spores are more likely to be concentrated in the viscera than any other portion of the fish. The recall is for certain Pangasinan brand smoked seafood products manufactured by FITRITE Incorporated of the Philippines and distributed in California, Nevada, and Washington through Seafood City and Manila Seafood retail stores. The smoked fish was sold between March 2010 and October 2011. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/smoked-fish-recalled-due-to-botulism-potential/>

Tainted pine nuts recall expands to 21,000 pounds. More than 21,000 pounds of pine nuts are being recalled after evidence of Salmonella contamination was found in samples from Sunrise Commodities, the distributor who sold them in bulk to food vendors in Florida, New Jersey, New York, and Canada, Food Safety News reported November 5. The Turkish pine nuts are implicated in an outbreak of Salmonella Enteritidis that has sickened at least 42 people across 5 states. The expanded recall announcement, issued November 4, comes more than a week after a 5,000-pound recall of pine nuts sold in bulk bins and used in prepared foods at Wegmans Food Markets in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia between July 1 and October 18. In a news release, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warned consumers not to eat the Turkish pine nuts distributed by Sunrise, which is based in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. The FDA said its tests confirmed Salmonella in samples collected from a Sunrise warehouse; additional testing was underway to determine if the Salmonella matches the outbreak strain. The FDA said Sunrise alerted its customers November 3 to the results of the product tests and epidemiologic investigation, and asked them to notify their subsequent customers of the recall. One of those was Badia Spices, which said it had repacked the Sunrise

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pine nuts and sold them in retail stores in Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New Jersey between June and October. In a separate news release, Badia Spices said it is recalling about 3,800 pounds of the pine nuts. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/tainted-pine-nuts-recall-expands-to-21000-pounds/>

(California; Arizona) Allergy alert: Rice-A-Roni with milk. Rice-A-Roni is recalling a small quantity of specific family-size boxes of Rice-A-Roni Rice Pilaf flavor due to an undeclared milk allergen, Food Safety News reported November 7. The recall was initiated after it was discovered the product may have had cross contact with products that contain milk. The recall is limited to 10.8-ounce family-size boxes of Rice-A-Roni Rice Pilaf flavor. This product was originally distributed to stores in California, and Arizona. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/allergy-alert-rice-a-roni-with-milk/>

(Florida) Smoked split herring recall. Quirch Foods Co. of Miami is recalling Leslie Leger and Sons Ltd. brand Salted Smoked Split Herring, Food Safety News reported November 7. A routine sample collected at a retail store by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets found the product to be unviscerated. Clostridium Botulinum spores, which can cause botulism, are more likely to be concentrated in the viscera than any other portion of the fish. The recall involves all lots of Leslie Leger and Sons Ltd. brand, Salted Smoked Split Herring. The product was distributed in 18-pound wooden boxes (40-60 count) to supermarkets and distributors in Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico, and Nassau BF. It was packaged at retail per customer request. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/smoked-split-herring-recall/>

(Washington) FDA warns school lunch supplier for moldy applesauce. Snokist Growers, which provides processed fruit products to the National School Lunch Program and baby food makers, is under fire for repackaging applesauce containing potentially dangerous mold, Food Safety News reported November 7. The week of October 31, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) officials released a warning letter issued to the Yakima, Washington company that outlined significant violations. The FDA cited Snokist for reprocessing moldy applesauce using a method "that is not effective against all toxic metabolites produced from the mold." The FDA found eight instances between January and December 2010 in which the firm reprocessed moldy products using ineffective methods, and did not reexamine the final product. Earlier in 2011, recalled Snokist products were blamed for sickening nine children in North Carolina, according to MSNBC. The company recalled more than 3,300 cases of applesauce in May, blaming dented seals in the manufacturing process. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/fda-company-sent-moldy-applesauce-to-school-lunch-program/>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(California) Power-hungry thieves heist \$50K of electrical equipment from Riverside Elementary School. Bandits stormed Fremont Elementary School in Riverside, California,

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November 5 to steal high-voltage electrical breakers. They escaped with an estimated \$50,000 worth of electrical equipment. The thieves broke into the city's electrical transformer and disconnected the live power before removing the large breakers in the main service, and subsidiary service panels. Heisted items include the main breaker switches plus numerous sub-breaker switches from the electrical switch gear. The district received a first alarm November 5 at 1:59 a.m. signaling the power was out. A second alarm signaling back-up battery power was triggered shortly thereafter. Staff arrived at the school within minutes and likely scared away the bandits. School district officials then scrambled to secure a \$30,000 part to restore power. A replacement part was flown in from New York, and power was restored to all but the school's portable classrooms November 6. Riverside police currently have no suspects or witnesses.

Source: <http://laist.com/2011/11/07/power-hungry-thieves-heist-50k-of-electrical-equipment.php>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

PayPal account review notification hides phishing campaign. PayPal's name and reputation are utilized by cybercriminals in the latest phishing scam. The scam masks itself as a notification coming from the PayPal Account Review Team which informs the customer about a credit card issue. According to Sophos, the message alerts the potential victims of a credit card charge that has been blocked by their system since it was unusual. Once the attachment is opened, it reveals a form that replicates a PayPal page in which the user is urged to enter personal information such as name, date of birth, Social Security number, phone, and other sensitive data. PayPal does send notification e-mails, but they never contain attachments. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/PayPal-Account-Review-Notification-Hides-Phishing-Campaign-232722.shtml>

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

(Hawaii) Hawaii closes Iolani Palace after Hawaii sovereignty group locks gates. Hawaii closed Iolani Palace in Honolulu to the public after a Hawaii sovereignty group November 6 locked the gates to the grounds with bicycle locks. The Hawaii attorney general's office issued a statement just after 4 p.m. November 7 saying the palace would close at 5 p.m. and would not reopen until November 15, 2 days after the end of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit. "This action has been deemed necessary for the protection of the area and for the safety and welfare of persons and property," according to the statement. About two dozen people associated with Aupuni O Ko Hawaii Pae Aina camped out on Iolani Palace grounds November 6. The campout was unplanned and followed a social meeting of about 70 people earlier November 6, a woman involved in the campout said. The woman, who said she is the group's elected head of state said the group had placed bicycle locks on the 15 gates surrounding the palace grounds around 11 p.m. for the safety of young children and the elderly after police were called by a palace guard. No one was arrested. The locks were removed, she said, after the director of the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources said the group could stay over night. Source: <http://www.civilbeat.com/articles/2011/11/07/13638-hawaii-closes-iolani-palace-after-hawaii-sovereignty-group-locks-gates/>

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(California) Thieves attempt to steal Reagan statue. Thieves attempted to steal a life-size statue of a former U.S. President, damaging the \$60,000 bronze statue in the process, United Press International reported November 7. Newport Beach, California, police said they found the statue at about 5:30 a.m. November 6, broken off its foundation and tilted forward, the Orange Country Register reported. The thieves apparently tied a chain around the statue and tried to pull it away using a pickup truck or other vehicle, police said. The statue has since been removed from its concrete base by the city. Officials have not yet said how much it will cost to repair the statue. Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/11/07/Thieves-attempt-to-steal-Reagan-statue/UPI-90021320705506/?spt=hs&or=tn

POSTAL AND SHIPPING

Nothing Significant to Report

PUBLIC HEALTH

Nothing Significant to Report

TRANSPORTATION

(Washington) More explosive containers found at port. At least 10 more potentially explosive containers have been found at the Port of Seattle with a question mark still hanging over the fate of the growing collection of containers. Earlier this year, maritime authorities reported three reefer containers exploded or caused a fire, resulting in two fatalities in Vietnam, and one in Brazil. The explosions were believed to be the result of contaminated gas added to the boxes' refrigeration units during servicing in Vietnam. According to local reports, a growing stack of 80 refrigerated containers at the Port of Seattle has been sitting by itself, isolated from the rest of the port for safety reasons. The U.S. Coast Guard said it is working with the terminal operators to keep the 80 containers away from everyone, but admits there is no specific plan yet for dealing with them. The Pacific Maritime Association, which represents the various terminal operators, said it is looking for a solution to checking each container. These at-risk containers are being turned away from terminal operators, and as a result, they remain out in the public. Meantime, the union is worried about containers that left Vietnam and may have passed through local ports before the security alert was put in place. The three reefers that exploded were operated by Maersk Line, but since the danger was reported, all carriers were scrambling to find any reefers that were repaired in Vietnam since February. Maersk has removed all of its 844 reefer containers that were repaired in Vietnam. Source: <http://www.ifw-net.com/freightpubs/ifw/index/more-explosive-containers-found-at-port/20017916576.htm>

WATER AND DAMS

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